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1. SUMMARY: LEBANESE PERM REP TUENI INFORMED AMB. LEONARD JUNE 8 THAT HE DELIVERED LETTER JUNE 7 FROM PRESIDENT SARKIS TO SYG WALDHEIM STATING THAT GOL REGARDED THE CAIRO/SHTAURA AGREEMENTS SUSPENDED, IF NOT LAPSED AT LEAST UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, AND THAT GOL ORDERS TO HADDAD WOULD BE ISSUED NOT LATER THAN JUNE 13. AMB. TUENI ASKED WHETHER U.S. COULD ENCOURAGE GOI TO GIVE GUIDANCE TO HADDAD ON COOPERATING WITH UNIFIL. TUENI ALSO SUGGESTED A U.S. APPROACH IN  
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DAMASCUS AND ASKED WHETHER U.S. MILITARY CHANNELS MIGHT BE EFFECTIVE AT THIS TIME IN URGING GEN. KHOURY TO SEND LEBANESE ARMY SOLDIERS TO SOUTH. END SUMMARY.

2. LEBANESE PERM REP TUENI BEGAN CONVERSATION WITH AMB. LEONARD JUNE 8 BY REGISTERING HIS CONCERN OVER ABSENCE OF POLITICAL COHESION AND DIRECTION FROM BEIRUT. HE

SAID HE EXPECTED THAT U.S. WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH GOL AS WELL. TUENI NOTED THAT HE HAD SENT PERSONAL LETTER TO SARKIS STRESSING THAT GOL MAY NOT HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO PULL ITSELF TOGETHER.

3. TUENI REMARKED THAT HE DELIVERED LETTER FROM SARKIS TO SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM ON JUNE 7. THRUST OF LETTER WAS THAT CAIRO/SHTAURA AGREEMENTS AND ANY OTHER AGREEMENT WITH PLO WERE FROM GOL VIEWPOINT IN SUSPENDED STATE OR AT LEAST HAD LAPSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. LETTER ALSO CONTAINED STATEMENT OF GOL SUPPORT FOR UNIFIL IN CARRYING OUT ITS MANDATE AND ASSURANCE TO WALDHEIM THAT GOL ORDERS TO HADDAD (USUN 2329) WOULD BE ISSUED NOT LATER THAN JUNE 13.

4. ON HADDAD'S STATUS, TUENI COMMENTED THAT HADDAD HAS CONTINUOUSLY PLEDGED TO GEN. KHOURY HIS DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH THE GOL. HE SAID HADDAD HAS SOUGHT ORDERS FROM BEIRUT TO BRING HIM BACK UNDER THE CENTRAL AUTHORITY OF THE GOL.

5. ON UNIFIL AND GOL ARRANGEMENTS WITH HADDAD, TUENI NOTED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE ISRAELIS ENCOURAGE HADDAD TO COOPERATE ACTIVELY IN WEEKS AHEAD. TUENI SUGGESTED U.S. MAKE APPROACH TO GOI TO ENSURE THAT HADDAD RECEIVES HELPFUL GUIDANCE. TUENI WONDERED  
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WHETHER U.S. MILITARY MIGHT BOLSTER -EN. KHOURY IN HIS PLANS TO DESPATCH LEBANESE ARMY TROOPS TO SOUTH. HE CLAIMED KHOURY IS ATTENTIVE TO MESSAGES FROM U.S. MILITARY CHANNELS. LASTLY, TUENI SUGGESTED U.S. MIGHT WISH TO MAKE DEMARCHE IN DAMASCUS TO ENCOURAGE SYRIA TO CONTINUE TO BE HELPFUL IN ITS EXCHANGES WITH THE GOL AND PALESTINIANS.

6. COMMENT: WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE AS URQUHART AND NOW TUENI HAVE MENTIONED THAT OUR SUGGESTING TO ISRAELIS THAT THEY ENCOURAGE HADDAD TO COOPERATE WITH UNIFIL AND GOL COULD BE USEFUL. OUR CAUTION IN TALKING WITH URQUHART DERIVED LARGELY FROM OUR DESIRE NOT TO BECOME A MIDDLE MAN TO CONVEY MESSAGES FOR HADDAD BETWEEN UN (OR GOL) AND GOI. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT SIMPLY ASKING THE ISRAELIS IN GENERAL TERMS TO URGE HADDAD TO COOPERATE WITH UNIFIL WOULD NOT RAISE PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM GO-BETWEEN ROLE AND COULD BE FRUITFUL. TUENI IS PROBABLY UNFORTUNATELY CORRECT IN ANTICIPATING SOME SPORADIC FIRING FROM CHRISTIAN MILITIA ON UNIFIL AND EVEN LEBANESE ARMY. THERE WOULD THUS SEEM SUFFICIENT REASON NOT TO

WAIT UNTIL CRITICAL SITUATION EVOLVES. AS TO DEMARCHE IN  
DAMASCUS, OUR EARLIER EFFORTS SEEM TO HAVE BORNE  
FRUIT, BUT WE LEAVE IT TO DEPT AND EMBASSY TO DECIDE  
WHETHER A NEW APPROACH WOULD BE USEFUL AT THIS POINT.  
IT MIGHT SEEM SO IN LIGHT OF APPARENT SYRIAN LACK OF  
FOLLOW-THROUGH AFTER THE LATAKIA MEETINGS. YOUNG

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